

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims, as follows. This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1 - 6 (Canceled)

7. (Previously Presented) A refrigerating unit comprising a suction tube and a throttling tube which runs at least over a part of its length inside the suction tube and is guided out from the suction tube to form a first outlet location, wherein the throttling tube and the suction tube are joined to one another at a second location of the suction tube at which outer surfaces of the throttling tube and the suction tube are in contact, wherein the outer surfaces of the throttling tube and the suction tube are joined to one another at the second location by ultrasound welding.

8. (Previously Presented) The refrigerating unit according to claim 7, wherein the second location is about 5 mm to 20 mm from the first location.

9. (Previously Presented) The refrigerating unit according to claim 7, wherein the second location is located downstream from the outlet location with reference to the refrigerant flowing in the suction tube.

10. (Previously Presented) The refrigerating unit according to claim 7, wherein the outlet location is provided at a connecting tube on which both the suction tube and the throttling tube are fixed downstream in a liquid- and gastight manner.

11. (Canceled)

12. (Previously Presented) A method for joining a suction tube of a refrigerating unit to a throttling tube comprising the following acts:

guiding the throttling tube out from the inside of the suction at an outlet location of the suction tube;

joining the suction tube and the throttling tube at the outlet location by soldering; bringing in contact an outer surface of a portion of the throttling tube located outside the suction tube with an outer surface of the suction tube at a second location of the suction tube; joining the suction tube and the throttling tube at the second location;

joining the outer surfaces of the suction tube and the throttling tube to one another at the second location by ultrasound welding.

13. (Previously Presented) The refrigerating unit according to claim 7, wherein the second location is about 5 mm to 10 mm from the first location.

14. (Previously Presented) The refrigerating unit according to claim 7, wherein the suction tube and the throttling tube are made of metal materials.

15. (Previously Presented) The refrigerating unit according to claim 14, wherein the metal materials include copper or copper alloys.

16. (Previously Presented) The refrigerating unit according to claim 7, wherein the suction tube and the throttling tube are fixed at the first outlet location by a soldering joint.

17. (Previously Presented) The refrigerating unit according to claim 7, further comprising an evaporator having a refrigerant tube into which the throttling tube is inserted.

18. (Previously Presented) The refrigerating unit according to claim 17, further comprising a connecting section into which the refrigerant from the refrigerant tube may be discharged and through which the throttling tube is guided and positioned.

19. (Previously Presented) The refrigerating unit according to claim 7, wherein the suction tube has a diameter of a few millimeters and the throttling tube has a diameter of fractions of a millimeter.

20. (Previously Presented) The refrigerating unit according to claim 7, wherein each of the suction tube and the throttling tube has an interior diameter surface defining a passage for refrigerant, and an outer diameter surface which together define a wall thickness therebetween, the suction tube and throttling tube being aligned in side-by-side relation such that their longitudinal axes are substantially parallel whereby at least along a portion of the lengths thereof, the ultrasonic welding is located at said portion to weld the outer diameter surface of the throttling tube to the outer diameter surface of the suction tube.

21. (Currently Amended) The refrigerating unit according to claim 7, wherein the suction tube includes first and second portions, the first portion being inserted into the second portion to define an overlapping portion, the overlapping portion between the first and second portions

being joined by a first soldering joint and the suction tube being welded to the ~~first and second portions~~ ~~throttling tube~~ at a second soldering joint.

22. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 12, wherein the suction tube and the throttling tube are made of metal materials.

23. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 22, wherein the metal materials include copper or copper alloys.

24. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 12, further comprising an evaporator having a refrigerant tube into which the throttling tube is inserted.

25. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 24, further comprising a connecting section into which the refrigerant from the refrigerant tube may be discharged and through which the throttling tube is guided and positioned.

26. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 12, wherein the suction tube has a diameter of a few millimeters and the throttling tube has a diameter of fractions of a millimeter.

27. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 12, wherein each of the suction tube and the throttling tube has an interior diameter surface defining a passage for refrigerant, and an outer diameter surface which together define a wall thickness therebetween, the suction tube and throttling tube being aligned in side-by-side relation such that their longitudinal axes are substantially parallel whereby at least along a portion of the lengths thereof, the ultrasonic welding is located at said portion to weld the outer diameter surface of the throttling tube to the outer diameter surface of the suction tube.

28. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 12, wherein the suction tube includes first and second portions, the first portion being inserted into the second portion to define an overlapping portion, the overlapping portion between the first and second portions being joined by a first soldering joint and the suction tube being welded to the ~~first and second portions~~ ~~throttling joint~~ at a second soldering joint.